

TRUST CHARGES DENIED BY THE HARVESTER CO.

Report of Special Agent of Department of Justice is Scored by Counsel For the International

EVERY ACCUSATION ANSWERED

No Valuable Patents on Essential Parts of Binder; No Binder Twine Monopoly; and No Fixing of High Prices.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 12.—Edgar Bancroft, counsel for the International Harvester Co., filed today with the House steel trust investigating committee an answer to the charges made by Burdette Townsend, the special agent of the department of justice in 1908.

"Nearly every important statement of fact relating to the purpose of the investigation," the reply asserts, "is either grossly inaccurate or entirely untrue. The general inaccuracy of the report is shown by its misstatement, even of the names of the president and chairman of the board of the International Harvester Co., and of the names of the voting trustees."

No Valuable Patents.

"The fundamental charge of a combination to create a monopoly, is based by the report on the charge that the knotters in the self binder is protected by patents, and that the International owns the patents on all the best types of knotters. The truth is there is no patent, whatever, on any essential part of any type of knotters, and there has not been any such patents in force since 1896 when the Appleby patent expired. Neither are there any existing patents upon any essential part of the grain binding machine. The many basic patents had all expired in 1896 and there have been no substantial patented improvements since 1890, twenty years ago, while the life of a patent, as is well known, is only seventeen years."

"The statement in Townsend's report that of the nine different types of grain binders, purchased by the International, all but three had been abandoned and repairs are not furnished for any others, is branded by Bancroft as 'notoriously and absolutely false.'"

No Binder Twine Trust.

"The report's charge of a binder twine trust is without any foundation, whatsoever," declares Bancroft. He also states the International has had the vigorous competition of one large and six smaller twine manufacturers, in addition to seven state penitentiary twine mills. In reply to the charge that competition has been "largely suppressed," Bancroft cites the names of eight firms, which, he declares, are all active competitors.

As to the charge that the International receives rebates from railroads and special concessions from the U. S. Steel corporation, the reply declares that the harvester company's "relation to the U. S. Steel corporation is not different from its relations with competitors of the steel corporation; that during the past seven years it has bought from the steel corporation ten per cent of its total needs, while it has purchased thirty per cent from competitors of the U. S. Steel, the balance of its needs having been supplied by the International's subsidiaries corporation, the Wisconsin Steel Co."

Prices Not High.

As to the charge of increasing prices, the International asserts that instead of increasing them its influence has been to prevent increases; that the self binder sells at a very low price, relatively lower than that of any other farm implement or machine; that the selling prices are freely fixed by dealers and that the terms of credit, facilities furnished and expert service, are more liberal than ever before; that although the price of raw materials has increased more than thirty per cent its prices were not increased until 1908, and then only seven per cent; and that for 1912 a reduction of five per cent was announced last month.

On the subject of foreign prices the International denies that perennial falsehood that agricultural implements are sold abroad cheaper than at home," and declares the government's own investigation, published in the daily consular and trade reports of February, March and April, 1909, shows that the prices for the six-foot binder, which sold in America for \$125, are as follows: France, \$173.70; Germany, \$203.00; Denmark, \$167.00; South Russia, \$168.95; and Great Britain, \$135.16, and that "the net prices received by the American manufacturer are greater on the machines sold abroad than at home."

Company Not a Trust.

As to the charges that the International is a trust the reply is that it was not a merger of existing corporations, but a new one in which \$20,000,000 were invested by persons not therefore in the harvester business; that it has owned and operated "all properties purchased without the influence or control of any of the old companies, and that the great majority

AVOID QUESTION OF PROHIBITION

KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS TO REFRAIN FROM MAKING IT ISSUE OF CAMPAIGN CONVENTION TUESDAY.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 12.—County conventions were held throughout Kentucky today for the election of delegates to the Democratic State convention which is to meet here next Tuesday. The work of the convention will be confined to the adoption of a platform, as the candidates for governor and other State officers were chosen in the primary last month.

Kentucky Doubtful State.

Great care will be exercised in building the platform, for the Democrats appreciate the fact that they must fight to win a victory in the coming election. Despite the success with which the Democrats have been meeting in other sections the party leaders here are aware that Kentucky, which has been admittedly a doubtful State since it went Republican for the first time in 1895, is now more doubtful than ever. This is due partly to the advantage of the Republicans in being in control of the State administration and partly to the fact that the State's increase in population, as shown by the recent census, has been almost wholly in the eastern districts, which are overwhelmingly Republican.

Avoid Liquor Question.

The platform will give an enthusiastic endorsement to the policy pursued by the Democratic party in Congress. As regards State issues the most interesting centers in the resolutions concerning the liquor question. Unless the Republicans force the issue, which so far they have evinced no intention of doing, the Democrats probably will refrain from making the question the chief issue of the fight. If the convention feels obliged to take an emphatic stand in the matter, however, it will probably declare itself against State-wide prohibition and unequivocally in favor of a uniform local option law, with the county as the unit.

MILEAGE FOR CONGRESSMEN.

Of the Michigan Members Young Travels the Greatest Distance.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Transportation of members of the house of representatives for this special session of congress will cost the government \$146,417.20 and a total of 251,968 miles is computed as the aggregate distance traveled.

Chairman R. E. Lee of Pennsylvania completed his figures today. Michigan representatives will get the following:

	Miles.	Cash.
Doremus, Detroit	750	\$300.00
Wedemeyer, Ann Arbor	728	291.20
J. M. C. Smith, Charlotte	780	312.00
Hamilton, Niles	882	352.80
Sweet, Grand Rapids	825	330.00
S. W. Smith, Pontiac	776	310.40
McMorrow, Port Huron	743	297.20
Pordney, Saginaw	796	318.40
McLaughlin, Muskegon	890	356.00
Long, Au Sable	901	360.40
Boddy, Mt. Pleasant	815	326.00
Young, Ishpeming	1,237	494.80

This is computed on the basis of 20 cents per mile. Heretofore the payment has been made through the sergeant-at-arms' office, but this session the Democrats voted to have the computation done by committee and every member's mileage is declared by Chairman Lee to be correct according "to the most usually traveled route from place of residence to Washington."

A saving of \$2,400 is reported over the total last session.

FAUSOME IS BOUND OVER.

John Fausome, charged with arson, was this morning bound over for trial at the next term of circuit court by Justice David Armit, bonds being fixed at \$2,000. The defendant secured bondsmen. The transcribed testimony was read to the witnesses yesterday afternoon and signed by them and the case adjourned until this morning, when other witnesses were heard, with the above result.

FUNERAL OF GATES HELD.

Paris, Aug. 12.—The funeral of John W. Gates was held at the Inter-Denominational American church. Two hundred American friends of the family from all parts of the U. S. were present. The body will be placed on board a steamer which will sail Wednesday for New York.

of officers and stockholders in the old company had no part in the management of the International, but sold out their business and retired."

Finally the International denies that "any plants purchased by it were closed or abandoned, but states that all plants were enlarged and improved and have employed more men than ever before; that several of the properties purchased were bankrupt and practically out of the trade." It declares "that outside of the harvester lines it has not more than forty per cent of the trade in any line, and that in most of them it has less than twenty-five per cent."

VOTE MONDAY ON RETENTION OF COMMISSION

Cummins' Bill Providing That Monetary Commission Must Dissolve After Dec. 4, to Come Up

FLINT AND BAILEY RESIGN

Foreign Relations Committee Would Alter General Arbitration Treaties But President Taft Will Oppose.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 12.—Following Sen. Bailey's resignation from the National Monetary Commission, Vice President Sherman today received the resignation of former Senator Flint of California. No reason was given for his resignation from the commission.

A vote will be taken by the senate next Monday on the Cummins bill, providing that the monetary commission make its final report on Dec. 4 next and then dissolve.

The senate foreign relations committee today agreed to recommend the ratification of the general arbitration treaties with the elimination of the paragraph conferring upon the joint high commission of inquiry the right to determine what international questions are justifiable under the terms of the treaties. President Taft, however, informed the committee members that he would do his utmost to insure the inclusion of this paragraph. The arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France were considered by the senate in executive session today. Much opposition developed and no result was reached at the end of two hours' debate.

There will be no final action on the direct election of senators at this session of congress, the conference committee having failed to agree on the Bristol amendment.

The conference on the free bill refused to agree to the Kern senate amendment and to the house amendment adding lemons to the free list. The bill was sent back to the house for a vote on these amendments.

The house cotton bill was taken up by the senate today. Sen. Cummins offered an amendment revising the iron and steel schedules in the tariff bill.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETS.

Contractors and Board to Go Over Proposed Roads Next Week.

The Calumet township board held a special meeting this morning for the purpose of going into matters connected with the proposed new roads back of Centennial Heights and from Allouez to the Trap Rock river district.

No definite action was taken this morning. It was decided to notify local contractors to meet with the board and road committee next Thursday and together proceed over the sites for the proposed roads. Bids will then be advertised for, and at the next regular meeting of the board, in September, it is expected that the contracts will be awarded. The board is desirous of getting the work completed this fall, and to that end will lose no time.

A petition was filed with the board of trustees of St. Anne's French church, asking that the board build a cement sidewalk on the east side of the church. It was pointed out that the township board has no legal right to build any walks, either cement or board, and the matter was therefore allowed to lie on the table. If a walk is needed there, the trustees of the church will have to bear the expense.

Township Attorney A. E. Petermann was present this morning, and stated that in reference to the proposed reduction of fares from Calumet to Mokenaw and other points that he had investigated the franchises granted the Houghton County Traction company in this township, but was not yet in a position to make any statement. He wished for time to confer with officials of the road. This was granted.

MUST PAY FOR METERS.

Clerk Martin Prisk, Jr., calls the attention of all water consumers to the fact that meters installed twelve months ago must be paid for at once. So that the payments on meters may not prove too heavy a burden on the taxpayers, the council arranges that they be made quarterly over one year. Many of the residents, however have grown remiss in this matter, as a result there are a number of meters, installed longer than the allotted time, upon which no payments have been made. Special efforts will be made to collect this money, and it is possible that the water will be turned off until the meters are paid for.

Miss Elsie Simmons of 52 East Pine street was pleasantly surprised by about forty of her friends at her home last evening. Games were played and a dainty luncheon was served, the party continuing until an early hour.

News Forecast Of the Coming Week

Washington, D. C., Aug. 12.—President Taft is scheduled to go to Ocean Grove, N. J., Tuesday to address the Methodist camp meeting there and later in the week he expects to go to Beverly to begin his belated summer vacation.

Admiral Togo, whose visit to the United States is attracting much attention, will remain in New York city until Wednesday when he will go to Boston. He will remain in Boston two days, visiting the Charleston navy yard, Harvard University and other places of interest in the vicinity, departing Friday evening for Niagara Falls.

The annual month of rifle competitions for the picked shots of all branches of the United States service and the militia organizations of the different states will begin on the ranges at Camp Perry Monday with the opening of the twenty-ninth tournament of the National Rifle Association and the ninth matches of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice.

The political calendar of the week calls for several meetings of interest to the leaders of both parties. Kentucky Democrats will assemble in Louisville Tuesday to formulate the platform on which the State ticket will make the fight for election next fall. In Nebraska on the same day the State primaries of all parties will be held for the nomination of candidates for the minor State offices to be filled at the next election. At Harrisburg there is to be a meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee of Pennsylvania to consider proposed changes in the party rules and to carry out the plan for the redistricting of the State. At the same time and place there is to be a meeting of Democratic editors to form a State league. At Columbus, O., an outing is to be held by the Jefferson Club with William J. Bryan as the guest of honor. The club is an "insurgent" Democratic organization and is understood to be opposed to Governor Harmon of Ohio for the presidential nomination.

The conventions of the week will include those of the International Typographical Union at San Francisco, the American Press Humourists' Association at Boston, the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union at Toledo, the Loyal Order of Moose at Detroit, the American Pharmaceutical Association at Boston, and the National Negro Business League at Little Rock.

COURT AIMS HARD BLOW AT LADIES

N. Y. DECISION ESTABLISHES RULING THAT DRESS HAS NO VALUE AFTER WORN TEN TIMES.

New York, N. Y., Aug. 12.—A decision by the state court here in a fire insurance suit establishes the ruling that no woman's dress has a money value in law after it has been worn ten times. According to that theory, every gown owned by the plaintiff, who sued to recover the full value of clothing destroyed by fire, had outlived its usefulness before the fire came along to complete its destruction, and with the exception of a trifling sum, representing the actual worth of old material, the insurance company was absolved from its obligations.

PIONEER OF HOUGHTON PASSES THIS MORNING

DEATH OF CHARLES G. BAUDIN AT AGE OF SEVENTY-SIX.

Helped to Construct Portage Ship Canal in Early Seventies.

Charles N. Baudin, a resident of the copper country for over fifty years, died at nine o'clock this morning at his home in this village from a brief illness from pneumonia. Mr. Baudin had been ailing more or less during the past spring and summer, but was able to remain at his work as caretaker of Forest Hill cemetery until August 4. He only took his bed however, last Sunday, but his condition was not regarded as serious, as he had been sitting up for a while yesterday.

Mr. Baudin was born in Berthier, Canada, in 1835, and came to Copper Harbor in 1852. Later he removed to Ontonagon county and worked at the Minnesota mine, and afterwards had lived at various mining locations in Keweenaw county. He was employed as a foreman on the construction of the Portage Lake ship canal in 1871 and 1872, and located permanently in Houghton in 1874, since which time he has resided continuously in this village. He was in the employ of the firm of Pope & Sheppard for fifteen years, and for the past twelve years had been caretaker of the Forest Hill cemetery. He served for eight years

TWO MEN SHOT DEAD BY FRIEND; RESULT OF JOKE

Frank J. Cook and Daniel Verland, Detectives For the Lake Shore Road, Victims of Own Hoax

ARE MET WITH HAIL OF LEAD

Pose as "Car Thieves" and Spring Out at Special Officer Wm. Burnett Who Pulls Gun and Fires at Them.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 12.—Frank J. Cook and Daniel Verland, special detectives of the Lake Shore railroad, were shot and killed last night by Special Officer William Burnett of the Michigan Central. The men met death as the result of a joke they attempted to play on Burnett.

The men were on the east of terms, and met at the junction of the two roads every night. Last night Cook and Verland, knowing Burnett had had trouble with two car breakers, decided to spring out on him as he passed. Burnett, not recognizing either of the men in the darkness, drew his gun and shot four times, killing both men.

Burnett then notified Patrolman O'Connor he had "shot a couple of car thieves."

When Burnett saw who the men were that he had shot, he broke down. Burnett stated to Police Lieutenant McNamara that he would not have shot at the men had they not shouted they would "get him." He said a week ago two prowlers on the tracks had sworn to "get him."

NELSON'S MOTHER KILLED.

Parent of Famous Pugilist is Struck by Fast Mail Train.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Mrs. Ida Nelson, mother of "Battling" Nelson, the pugilist, was killed by a fast mail train on the Wabash railroad at Burnham, Ill.

Mrs. Nelson was returning from a shopping trip to Hammond, Ind. She was accompanied by Mrs. Annie Martin, a friend, and had just alighted from a Lake Shore & Michigan Southern train at the Burnham station.

Mrs. Nelson waited for a freight train to pass and then started to cross the tracks. She apparently did not see or hear the mail train. Mrs. Martin narrowly escaped death in a vain effort to save Mrs. Nelson. Mrs. Nelson was 52 years old.

"Battling" Nelson and a brother Arthur Nelson, are in Oregon on a vacation trip.

MATERIAL FOR MORELAND.

The tug James Reid of the Reid Wrecking company left this port yesterday with a load of lumber to be used in the building of bulkheads for the raising of the Moreland, which was wrecked some time ago at Eagle River says the Duluth Herald. Capt. Reid, who is in charge of the work, believes he will be able to release the boat in spite of all the difficulties. She was taken off the reefs, but sank in sand, which stretches for a distance of about two and a half miles. The boat is broken in two pieces and will have to be taken out in three sections.

POPE IS STRONGER TODAY.

Rome, Aug. 12.—At noon today the general condition of the pope was described by the physicians as "relatively satisfactory." He appeared somewhat stronger. His temperature was slightly above normal and the pains in his knee were less severe.

WILL MANAGE THE STAR.

Robert D. DeNogelle, a former manager of the Majestic theater of Battle Creek, has arrived in Calumet to take the management of the Star theater on Fifth street. In addition to his managerial duties, Mr. DeNogelle will sing illustrated songs. He has a splendid tenor voice.

BIG STRIKE IN GLASGOW.

Glasgow, Aug. 12.—The corporation street car men struck today. Cars sent out were attacked and wrecked by the strikers.

as a justice of the peace in Portage township and was at one time also a member of the Houghton village council.

He was married while residing at the Delaware mine to Miss Mary Ferguson, who survives him, together with five sons and a daughter. The latter is Miss May Baudin, and the sons are Albert N., Edward A., Octavius D., James O., and Reginald G., all of whom reside at Houghton except James, who is at the Homestead mine in Lead, S. D. The only other remaining relative is a sister, living in Detroit.

The arrangements for the funeral have not been completed but it probably will be held on Monday.

GRAND JURY TO PROBE MURDER

INTENSE INTEREST MANIFESTED IN TRIAL OF HENRY CLAY BEATTIE WHICH OPENS MONDAY.

Richmond, Va., August 12.—Intense interest is manifested throughout the state in the opening, next Monday, of the session of the Grand Jury for Chesterfield County, across the river from here. The Grand Jury will be called upon to investigate the Beattie murder case, one of the most sensational and puzzling crimes ever committed in that country. It is the general impression that there will be enough evidence submitted by the State to justify the Grand Jury to find an indictment for murder against Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., now a prisoner in the Henrico County jail, but at the same time it is well known that the State has added little to the circumstantial evidence obtained shortly after the crime was committed, that a reasonable motive for the alleged crime has not been found and that counsel for the defense has been working quietly but diligently, assisted by a number of private detectives, and is evidently determined to make a desperate fight at the subsequent trial to save the accused from electrocution.

Beattie Protests Innocence.

Beattie's story that his wife was shot and killed with a shotgun by a tall man with a long beard, who had held them up, while they were driving along Middlethorpe Pike. The case called for an investigation by the coroner, and after a long and quite sensational hearing the coroner's jury gave the verdict that Mrs. Beattie had been shot and killed with a shotgun in the hands of her husband, Henry Clay Beattie, Jr. The latter was arrested and lodged in Henrico county jail, where he spent his time unconcernedly, smoking cigarettes and strumming on his guitar. Beulah Binford, a girl with whom Beattie is said to have had relations extending over several years and who was the mother of his child, born two years ago and which died in July, 1910, was arrested as a possible accomplice. Since his imprisonment Beattie stuck to his original story, but his position became serious when Paul Beattie, a poor relative of the accused, confessed that he had bought for the prisoner the shotgun with which the murder had been committed. The State has succeeded in forging a strong chain of circumstantial evidence against Beattie, but the apparent lack of a motive is considered a weak spot, which may vitally affect the chances of a conviction.

TO CLAIN SUNKEN LANDS.

Government Files Suit to Prove Title to Arkansas Domain.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 12.—Powell Clayton, assistant United States district attorney, has filed at Helena suit No. 1 in the celebrated sunken land case. W. N. Mills, special assistant to the United States attorney general who has been in Little Rock conferring with District Attorney W. G. Whipple in the preparations of the bill to obtain decrees quieting the government's title to these lands, states that about twenty additional suits will be filed.

The title of 140,000 acres of the most valuable lands in Arkansas is at stake. The lands are located in the St. Francis basin, embracing four counties along the Mississippi river front in Northeastern Arkansas. Various claimants have laid claim in the past to the title to these lands, partly through riparian ownership and partly through conveyances from the St. Francis levee board, which asserts title thereto through the so-called "donation act" of 1823.

Litigation involving these lands has been three times carried to the supreme court of Arkansas and three times to the United States supreme court. No final adjudication, however, could be had until the United States becomes a party.

CONFERENCE OF SOCIALISTS.

Plans for Coming Campaigns to be Laid at Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 12.—Office holding members of the national Socialist party from all sections of the country have assembled here for a three days' conference to discuss the affairs of the party and to make preliminary plans for the next municipal, state and national campaigns. Victor Berger, the only Socialist member of Congress, is to preside over the sessions. Among the other participants, nearly all of whom have arrived in the city, are the Socialist mayors of Butte, Mont.; Grand Junction, Colo.; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Berkeley, Cal.; Girard, Kas.; Flint, Mich., and several other cities.

TOGO AT WEST POINT.

West Point, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Admiral Togo and his party visited the United States Military Academy today. The visitors came up from New York on the naval yacht Mayflower. After luncheon with General Barry, the superintendent, Admiral Togo witnessed a review of the cadet corps and afterwards made a tour of inspection of the grounds and buildings.

LONDON STRIKE IS COSTLY.

Death Benefits and Pension Rate to be Considered.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 12.—Delegates and visitors to the fifty-seventh annual convention of the International Typographical Union, which will be called to order here Monday morning by President James M. Lynch, are arriving on all trains. The convention will be the first that organization ever has held west of Denver. An attendance of fully 2,000 visitors is expected, representing all sections of the United States and Canada. Many important questions are to be settled at the meeting, among them being a proposed increase of the death benefits and pension rate.

ELECTION OF STEPHENSON TO BE PROBED

Senate Adopts Resolution Today, and the Investigation Will be Made During Recess of Congress

RECESS FOR STEEL COMMITTEE

When Hearings Are Resumed Next Fall, Melville E. Stone of Associated Press Will Be Heard Relative to Letter.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 12.—The Senate today adopted a resolution for an investigation of the election of Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin. The investigation is authorized to take place during the recess of Congress.

Stone Will Testify.

The House steel committee today agreed to hear the testimony of General Manager Melville E. Stone of the Associated Press, who telegraphed Chairman Stanley for an opportunity to be heard in connection with the introduction of his personal letter to Outright Thorne.

Stone said the letter was written under what now proves to be a misapprehension of facts, and that its use without explanation before the committee was unjust.

The committee will hear Stone next fall. It is expected the committee will take a recess today.

W. C. Temple of Pittsburgh, before the steel committee today, told how J. P. Morgan once refused a \$100,000,000 option on the Carnegie Steel Co., and six months later paid \$500,000,000 for the same property. Temple explained that they are preparing to "give a magnificent display in Wall Street."

GALA WEEK FOR HUMORISTS.

National Association of Fun Makers at Boston Tuesday.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 12.—Following close on the heels of the advertising men's convention Boston is called upon to entertain the annual gathering of the American Press Humourists' Association and she is wondering today if she will not have to resort to the bromo bottle after playing host to the two big round-ups. Though the latter gathering does not begin its sessions until Monday many of the newspaper funny men put in an appearance today and are spending the time seeing some of the sights of the city which has been the butt of many of their witticisms and thereby put many a dollar in their pockets. An entire week of hard work and recreation combined is planned for the humorists. The Boston members of the association have been making up the programme and have arranged for a week that will go down in the annals of the association as the best it has ever enjoyed. The business sessions will be presided over by "Cy" Warman of Montreal widely known as a humorist writer and poet.

DOG SHOW AT NEWPORT

400 Pet Canines of Fashionable Set on Exhibition.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 12.—The first dog show held here in several years was given at the Casino today under the auspices of the Rhode Island Kennel Club. More than 400 canine pets belonging to the fashionable residents of Newport were displayed. There was no place for an ordinary dog in the exhibition. A line of blue-blooded canine ancestors was the only ticket that insured admittance. Even class distinctions prevailed among the tiny animals, the haughty Blenheim spaniels and those named in honor of King Charles absolutely ignoring the brawny looking little English bulldogs and Boston terriers.

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